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There are a thousand hacking at the branches of evil to one who is striking out at the root.—Thoreau.

KNOX AND HAWAII

Secretary of State Knox's approaching visit to Hawaii is to be regarded as an event of the first importance to this territory, even though the cabinet officer is on a mission far removed from administrative duty,—the solemn mission of representing the United States at the funeral of the late Emperor Mutsuhito of Japan.

It is not often that Hawaii can welcome a cabinet officer, and the secretary of state, as the man next in the administration to the president, is the highest in the cabinet rank. Every event that brings Hawaii and the national administration more closely in touch, that acquaints official Washington with this somewhat remote territory, is a direct advantage to Hawaii. We can't have too many "friends at court".

This territory is facing political and industrial problems whose determination has gone beyond the people of Hawaii and now rests with Congress and the president. Secretary Knox will be here only a short time, but he will have opportunity to learn these problems at first-hand. He will return from Japan by way of Honolulu also, and will have further opportunity to learn local conditions.

MR. CITIZEN, YOUR MEETING!

Every taxpayer of the city, every householder, every resident, is or should be vitally interested in the Republican precinct club meetings to-night. These club meetings will be held in each of the twenty-nine precincts on Oahu, at a uniform hour, 7:30 o'clock.

The duty of these club meetings tonight is to nominate delegates to the territorial and the city and county conventions. These conventions, in turn, nominate a candidate for delegate to Congress, candidates for the legislature of 1913 and candidates for city and county offices.

The beginning of efficient government for Honolulu is in the naming of delegates to the county convention. The character and standing of the delegates will determine the candidates they put up for office.

There is a direct relation between the meetings tonight and city government here for the next two years. Mr. Citizen, you have a personal interest in what goes on at your precinct club meetings.

Whether or not you are active in politics, you are interested, Mr. Citizen, in the taxes you pay, in the paving of your streets, in your electric lighting, in the policing of your city, in the general welfare of Honolulu. Efficient government cannot be reached by a city of men who stay at home instead of wielding their power for good in party organization.

There may be little of interest at some of the precinct club meetings tonight, but that little may determine some good or bad man as a candidate for office. In some precincts there will be much of interest.

In another column today the meeting-places of the precinct clubs in the city precincts are given. Look up your precinct club meeting, Mr. Citizen, and attend it tonight. You must have registered before 4 o'clock this afternoon to take part, but you can join the precinct club later, anyway. It will be to your interest and that of your home and your city.

THIBET'S TRUCE WITH CHINA

Thibet, remote from the world and little known except through the mysterious stories of its wonderful monastery at Lhasa, apparently has been able to wrest from China an agreement by which it retains much of its political as well as religious independence. Reports last night

are to the effect that China and Thibet have reached a truce under whose terms the Chinese troops will be withdrawn from Lhasa and Chinese traders sent out of the country.

The Thibetan situation has been a peculiar one. The British expedition to the Forbidden City, undertaken to redress real or fancied British grievances in Thibet, has given Great Britain a sort of military interest in the country that she has been slow to yield up to Chinese suzerainty. After the British withdrawal from Lhasa, the Chinese, then under the Manchu government, set about to restore Chinese domination for the extension of Chinese trade and the payment of tribute to the extortionate officials sent to represent Peking.

A Chinese military expedition was dispatched to Lhasa in order to complete the subjugation of this remote country, and the Dalai Lama, that powerful, half-mythical personage commonly known as the Grand Lama—head of the priesthood—fled to India. The Chinese authorities thereupon deposed him by an edict, which was never recognized by the Buddhist world. The leader of the military expedition virtually established himself as ruler of Thibet and there began a martial rule broken by frequent revolt.

The outbreak of the Chinese revolution and the overthrow of the Manchu government brought Chinese rule in Thibet to a crisis. The Lhasa garrison, unrestrained by any responsibility to the imperial Chinese army, broke all bounds and began looting and ravaging the country. The Thibetans, made up of many warlike tribes, revolted and it was not until the Chinese soldiery were threatened with annihilation that they pulled together and put down the tribal uprisings.

President Yuan Shih-Kai tried to conciliate the Thibetan Ambans at Lhasa by sending money, but the Chinese garrison there was badly disorganized and the religious zealots of the Forbidden City, led by a picturesque fanatic who aroused his followers to the heights of frenzy, drove back the Mongol invaders and almost freed Lhasa from their presence. This was soon followed by the dispatch of a strong military force by Yuan Shih-Kai, who gave notice that he would exact severe reprisal of the Thibetans.

Such was the situation up to a few days ago, and it is probable that the approach of a Chinese army brought the Thibetans to consider terms of peace. On the other hand, Yuan's growing troubles at home undoubtedly have influenced him to make concessions to Thibet so that he would have the aid of that country in the event of an outbreak against his rule. Neither side has been in a position to force the fighting, and peace terms apparently have been arrived at.

Not the least interesting part of the Thibetan situation is the British attitude. Britain claims that the Grand Lama brought on the British expedition by intrigues and breaches of treaty rights, and China will have to deal circumspectly with Thibet or risk offending England. Eventually, of course, Thibet will probably become an integral part of the Chinese republic as a province, if the Peking government is able to establish itself firmly enough to reach into the hinterlands for territory.

At last accounts the Dalai Lama was a refugee at Kalimpong, India, and whether he will be permitted to return to his Himalayan throne or not has not been told in the brief dispatches.

As to the report credited to a "Japanese financier", that Japan regards Secretary Knox's visit as an impertinence because his name is associated with "dollar diplomacy", the Star-Bulletin does not believe this sentiment is general, nor is it justified. Even presuming that Knox is all that his enemies have painted him, his visit is a purely official one, in discharge of an unusual but none the less formal duty of office. He is the impersonal representative of the American people, the bearer of a message of condolence from one nation to another in the latter's time of mourning for a mighty leader departed.

Delegate Kuhio seems to have stuck to his elimination of the personal element in his Hilo speech, but his Hawaii adviser, Desha, spilled the beans by a direct attack on the governor. Kuhio's local advisers were wiser than that.

Strange how ready they all are to talk of campaign contributions back in 1904, and the silence with which Col. Teddy greets all queries as to his present source of revenue.

The fact that there was only one fight in Democratic club elections last night is hailed with joy and wonderment by the ordinarily bellicose Bourbons.

A good deal of Standard Oil appears to have been cast on the troubled waters about 1904.

Senator Penrose has qualified for membership in the Ananias club.

PERSONALITIES

DR. J. H. FARRELL leaves for Maui today. He expects to be absent from the city for a week.

MRS. R. V. BAKER, wife of the American consul stationed at Sandakan, Borneo, is a through passenger in the China.

JUDGE A. S. HARTWELL, the jurist, is back from a pleasure trip to the mainland, having returned in the China this morning.

MRS. E. CHISLETT is leaving by the Claudine this evening for Waialua, Maui, to join her husband, who is engaged in business there.

NEVILLE OSBORN has returned home from the Queen's Hospital after a successful operation for appendicitis, and is rapidly improving.

ARTHUR C. FOX, who is managing the Ferris Hartman Company on its Oriental tour, is a visitor to Honolulu, having arrived in the China this morning.

EDWARD and MISS LOUISE WARFIELD, son and daughter of the former Governor of Maryland, are through passengers in the Pacific Mail liner China that arrived here this morning.

C. A. BIDDLE, a well known Shanghai hotel proprietor is a through traveler in the Pacific Mail steamer China. Mr. and Mrs. Biddle have been making a brief visit to the mainland.

DR. A. W. McVEAN, proprietor of one of the largest sanitariums and hotels in the Philippines is returning to the East after a business and pleasure trip throughout the United States. Dr. McVean and Mrs. McVean are passengers in the liner China.

MAJ. SAMUEL PARKER, capitalist of Honolulu, and his son, James Parker, are here from the Islands on one of their periodical trips and staying at the Stewart. George N. Wilcox, one of Honolulu's wealthiest citizens, also is registered at the Stewart.—S. F. Examiner.

MR. and MRS. W. FRANKLIN, well known theatrical people who some months ago visited Honolulu as the Banvards, returned in the China this morning and will open a brief engagement at the Lijou. The Franklins are enroute to Australia, and thence to the Far East.

MISS M. A. NASON, from Antioch, Cal., Mrs. Baker and the latter's mother, who have been taking in the sights of Oahu for several days, will leave in the Mauna Kea tomorrow, for a visit to the volcano. They are very much in love with what they have so far seen of Hawaii. They expect to return to the mainland in the Mongolia next Wednesday.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

JAMES A. WILDER—This is Boy Scouts year. It is hard work getting a new idea put into practice but, as George Carter says, "The wagon has started a-creaking."

GEORGE P. CASTLE—There is far too much license to smokers on board ships, including the ocean liners. Women and children, to whom as well as non-smoking men, smoking is especially obnoxious at sea, really are left no place upon the lounging and promenade deck spaces where they can be free from the nauseous infestation. Smoking has become common even in staterooms, involving danger of fire besides being productive of offensive fumes to occupants of adjacent staterooms. I think the companies should wake up to the necessity of enforcing decent regard, in this matter, to the comfort of a large proportion of their patrons who object to personal fumigation with tobacco smoke upon the high seas.

OLAA ACTIVE BUT DECLINED

Olaa took a fall of a quarter point between sessions, with sales of 100, 100 and 55 shares at 7, the same price being paid on the board today for 30 shares.

Oahu maintained yesterday's price of 27.625 for 130 shares in three unequal lots in recess, and advanced to 27.75 on the board for 10 shares. Ewa is unchanged at 31.50 for 23 shares in three unequal lots in recess.

Hawaiian Commercial shows a gain of half a point in a recess sale of 10 shares for 44.50, and Onomea a like advance to 59.50 for 100 shares. Pioneer is unchanged in a sale of 23 shares on the board for 34.

Bonds are going to help out the record of a comparatively dull week, \$45,000 of Oahu Sugar Co. fives being reported sold at 103, and \$2000 Olaa sixes at 97.50.

Former Senator Albert J. Beveridge was nominated for governor of Indiana by the progressive state convention at Indianapolis.

Because Mrs. Fred Miller refused to eat ice cream with him, Arbin Barber of Monticello, N. Y., shot off a part of her ear.

ARMY AND NAVY

Officials of the Navy Department deny the published statement that they have "closed" preparatory schools for the Naval Academy.

In an authorized statement on the subject they say that the Navy Department can not close any outside school, and has no intention of doing so; and the mistake undoubtedly arose from the published recommendation to candidates, and those interested in them, to consider the advantages of completing their preparation for the academy at schools with which they are familiar.

"This recommendation originated with the superintendent of the Naval Academy in connection with a resolution of the Senate in May last, and its purpose is to encourage candidates to continue their studies under home influence, where they may benefit by the guidance of those who are familiar with their previous education and personally interested in their individual success."

Having searched for three days and not discovered any obstruction to navigation off the east coast of Virginia, the revenue cutter Unalga is now returning to its home station, according to report to Captain Commandant Berthoff here. Thus ends the theory that this alleged obstruction is the tug Nina, lost at sea two years ago.

A thoroughly effective pistol and rifle silencer has been invented by Dr. T. T. Fauntleroy of Stunton, Va., according to military and naval experts. The invention has been tried out by the official arsenal committee of the army and navy and has been declared by the committee to be more effective than the silencer invented by Sir Hiram Maxim.

Dr. Fauntleroy's invention can be attached to any pistol or rifle with little trouble. The entire mechanism of the silencer consists of several little sliding partitions of metal which form the chambers and the concussion springs. It can be taken apart and put together again with slight trouble.

The principle of Dr. Fauntleroy's silencer seems very simple. It consists of a metal tube joined to a chamber, the tube slipping over the barrel of the gun. The additional weight is scarcely perceptible. Inside the chamber of the silencer are small partitions or chambers.

The Secretary of the Treasury has awarded a silver life-saving medal to John T. Wyatt, coal passer, U. S. N., attached to the U. S. S. South Dakota, for gallant conduct in rescuing a shipwrecked sailor from the U. S. S. South Dakota while the ship was tied up to the wharf at Honolulu February 25, 1912.

Cowan, who had been suffering from hysteria, was sitting quietly on deck, reading a book, when suddenly he threw his book away and, climbing on the life lines, deliberately jumped overboard. Wyatt, fully clad, immediately jumped overboard after him. Cowan began fighting and succeeded in getting a strangle hold about Wyatt's neck and the two went down twice. Wyatt finally broke Cowan's hold and brought him to the sea ladder.

Wyatt enlisted at Los Angeles, Cal., March 16, 1911. His home address is 508 West 2nd street, Los Angeles, Cal., where his mother, Mrs. Sarah Foster, resides. He is twenty-two years old.

The old wooden frigate Santee has been sold to Joseph G. Hiner of Philadelphia for \$3,610 the highest bid received by the Navy Department.

The Santee was laid down in 1830 and for nearly a half a century was stationed at Annapolis as a prison ship.

Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske is transferred from the third to first division of the Atlantic fleet on account of the relief of Rear Admiral Aaron Ward from command of the latter. Rear Admiral N. R. Usher goes from the fourth to the second, and Rear Admiral C. McR. Winslow from the second to the third.

Rear Admiral F. F. Fletcher was detached as Secretary Meyer's aid for material, and ordered to command the fourth division.

The torpedo destroyer Hanley, built at the Fore River Shipbuilding Works, has completed her standardization trial on the New England coast making an average speed of 30.32, which is above the contract requirement.

"I don't think your portrait is much like the original, old man."

"Only once have I painted a portrait that was really like my sitter,—and she sued me for libel afterward."—Flegende Elaeeter.

Madge—Isn't that a very small hammock you're taking with you on your vacation?
Marjorie—Oh, it will hold two on a squeeze!

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Kaimuki	\$20.00	\$27.50	\$35.00
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